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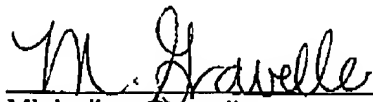
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We enclose a response to the outstanding office action which we would like to discuss at our interview on February 3, 2004 at 3 pm.

I hereby certify that the attached Response and Petition for Extension of Time are being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on the date shown below.



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Appl. No. 09/402,488
Amdt. Dated January 28, 2004
Reply to Office action of September 17, 2003

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Appl. No : 09/402,488 Confirmation No.: 6010
Applicant : Maurice M. Moloney,
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Filed : February 16, 2000
Title : Method for Producing and Cleaving a Fusion
Protein with an N-Terminal Chymosin Pro-Peptide (Amended)
TC./A.U. : 1652
Examiner : David J. Steadman

Docket No. : 9369-98
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The present letter is filed in response to the office action dated September 17, 2003. We are simultaneously submitting a petition for a two month extension of time rendering the deadline for response February 17, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.